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SUBJ: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: PUERTO RICO

REF: STATE 049330; NIAMEY 3903

1. WE HAVE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF RECENT ROUTINE MEETINGS WITH FOREIGN MINISTRI--AT SECRETARY GENERAL AND POLITICAL DIRECTOR LEVELS--TO UNDERLINE AGAIN US INTEREST IN KEY MULTILATERAL ISSUES, STRESSING THEIR IMPORTANCE IN CONTEXT OF OPJRBILATERALBZIES, AND REFERRING SPECIFICALLY TO QUESTBN OF PUERTO RICO. ON MARCH 12 WE PRESENTED AIDE-MEMOIRE (1) RECALLING OUR DISCUSSIONS OF PUERTO RICO LAST SEPTEMBER (NIAMEY 3903), POINTING OUT AGAIN OUR PROBLEMS WITH LANGUAGE OF PARA 85 OF LIMA DECLARATION, (2) NOTING ACTUAL SITUATION IN PUERTO RICO, AND (3) EXPRESSING HOPE FOR MORE REALISM ON THIS ISSUE AT UN AND ELSEWHERE ON PART OF COUNTRIES WITH WHICH WE HAVE FRIENDLY BILATERAL TIES. (2)HQHAS FAR WE FIND GON GENERALLY AWARE OF HEIGHTENED US ATTENTION TO MULTILATERAL ISSUES, NOT AT ALL SENSITIVE TO SUGGESTIONS--MADE ORALLY--OF LINKAGE WITH BILATERAL RELATIONS AND APPRECIATIVE BOTH FOR INFORMATION AND FOR FORTHRIGHT STATEMENTS OF US POSITIOM. WHILE IT WILL CLEARLY BE UPHILL BATTLE CONVINCING NIGER TO TAKE MORE INDEPENDENT OR MORE PRO-US POSITIONS IN MULTILATERAL MEETINGS, GON SEEMS
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PLEASED THAT WE ARE TAKING THE TROUBLE TO DISCUSS

SUCH ISSUES IN FORMAT OF DIALOGUE AND ADVANCE CONSULTATIONS.

3. BUILDING ON OUR DISCUSSIONS SO FAR, I INTEND TO RAISE
PUERTO RICO WITH FOREIGN MINISTER DJERMAKOYE AT OUR
NEXT MEETING, WHICH WELL PROBABLY TAKE PLACE NEXT
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